

## NALA Family Learning conference 2022.

### Sharing good practice in family learning.

Thursday 24 November – 9.30 am to 3.30 pm – The Ashling Hotel, Dublin.

**Note:** There is **no fee** for attending this conference.

9.30 Tea, coffee and registration.

10.00 **Chair: Welcome and introductions.**

Colleen Dube, CEO NALA.

10.10 **Family literacy practices, parental engagement and home school links in a DEIS school.**

Maria Kennedy, Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Coordinator, Presentation  
Primary School, Warrenmount, Dublin 8.

10.30 **Childhood Development Initiative supporting communities in literacy engagement.**

Clare Bohan, Literacy Coordinator, Childhood Development Initiative, St Mark's  
Family and Youth Centre, Dublin 24.

10.50 **Top hats, green kittens and a goblet full of bonbons: Poetry treasure hunts in the library.**

Juliette Saumande, children's writer, translator of children's books and professional  
bookworm and Maedhbh Rogan-McGann, Senior Executive Librarian, Meath County  
Council Library Service.

11.10 **Coffee break.**

**11.30 - 1.00 Morning workshops:** [Please select one morning workshop.](#)

**(a)** 'Sirko', a Ukrainian folktale and a Storysack. A conversational approach to exploring traditions, culture, social norms and folklore in Ireland and Ukraine - Carmel O'Neill, Family learning tutor and Programme Coordinator and Rachel White, ESOL and Family Learning tutor, Kilkenny and Carlow ETB.

**(b)** Poetry in your pocket: A fun and accessible way to engage families in creating a giant collaborative piece of art and poetry - Juliette Saumande and Maedhbh Rogan-McGann.

**(c)** Family literacy practices and ideas: Tools that can help parents of junior infants and early start in relation to emergent literacy and language development and building home school links - Maria Kennedy, HSCL Coordinator, Presentation Primary Warrenmount, Dublin 8.

**(d)** Early years literacy and numeracy supports in an area-based context: This workshop will look at the following Early Learning Initiative programmes – ParentChild+, Zoom Ahead with Books and Early Numeracy – Brigina O'Riordan, Senior Community Service Coordinator and Jennifer O'Neill, Senior ParentChild+ coordinator, Early Learning Initiative.

**1.00 Lunch.**

**2.00 - 3.30 Afternoon workshops:** [Please select one afternoon workshop.](#)

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**(f)** Supporting family literacy development in our communities: A exploration of literacy initiatives utilised by HSCLs in primary and secondary schools in Tallaght and strategies used to promote, motivate and retain parents in these initiatives - David Fagan, Chairperson of the Tallaght Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Coordinator Cluster and Anita Doody, Secretary of the Tallaght HSCL Coordinator Cluster.

**(g)** Hug your book: The Hug your book programme is an introductory course to family literacy programmes for parents. The programme is for all parents who want to make reading fun and learn new ways to support their children's literacy skills. We will share our book club approach, where parents bring books to life for their children and instil a love of reading, writing and talking from birth through to primary school, through fun and rewarding activities - Lána McCarthy and Justyne McDonagh, Youngballymun, Dublin.

**(h)** Reconnecting: Post-pandemic, many people are fearful and uncertain about returning to group learning. In this workshop, we explore ways to create welcoming spaces, rebuild connections and foster a sense of belonging in family learning groups – Pam Buchanan, Tutor and Coordinator, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB.

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